

Down Hill Gradient Of Salt Water Intrusion Five Feet To Mile, Report

By F. M. VAN NORMAN

"There is no known barrier in the West Basin to prevent salt water encroachment."
With those words the 1944 Report of the United States Geological Survey nullifies the theory that the ultimate water problem of any city in the West Basin is different from that of any other.

On the contrary, according to engineers who have studied the West Basin, the problem is one of mathematical progression for all cities.
The downhill gradient of salt water intrusion is now five feet to the mile. This movement is landward.

According to the United States Geological Survey the overall salt water encroachment in the West Basin is at the rate of several hundred feet per year.
As the average width of the West Basin from the ocean to the Inglewood-Newport fault is about eight miles it is apparent that we are in a race against time.
At 5280 feet to the mile it would seem that some of the inland cities would still have several years to go before salt water intrusion reaches them.

Unfortunately this is only apparent and not the real situation.
For it is the unanimous opinion of hydraulic engineers that the rate of salt water intrusion, if no corrective measures are taken, grows steadily worse. That is the case now in the West Basin.

Therefore, our race against time is made doubly precarious. We cannot know precisely how much time we have left to us to keep the worst from happening.
It was explained at an Inglewood meeting presided over by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, that there are conic depressions throughout the West Basin, as deep as 65 feet below sea level in the Inland Dominguez Fields area, which are an open invitation to the speed-up of salt water intrusion.

Since the water bearing beds of the West Basin have, according to recent surveys, dropped from 25 feet above sea level to as much as 65 feet below in the past 43 years, the lowest depth being reached inland, the inland cities are situated in the "Bottom of the Bowl" and salt water is spilling over the edge.

The downhill grade is now five feet to the mile. Unless checked it will be greater.
As things are now it will only be a matter of time until the entire West Basin will be written off by salt water pollution.
In certain areas from the coast-line to the Inglewood-Newport fault the condition is more alarming than in others.
But, as with our quarantined beaches, what affects one affects all and, in the case of a water shortage, it will be with even more costly effect. For it is the nature of salt water pollution, like an epidemic, to spread constantly.

Engineers say we must develop a supplemental water supply to lessen the drain on our water-bearing beds and give them a chance to build back.
Now what is the West Basin going to do about it?
The welfare of 800,000 citizens and property tax appraised at \$10,000,000 is always at stake in problems that affect the West Basin.
We waited too long on the sewer. You can live without ocean swimming; you can't live without drinking water. Are we always going to wait until the worst happens?
The West Basin has had a tumultuous growth. That growth calls for leadership of the kind that developed Los Angeles from a sleepy pueblo to a world metropolis.
When this leadership asserts itself, it seems to me the problems of the West Basin will be solved in the spirit of "One for all and all for one."
That is the key to a unified progress.
It is the only way that the West Basin as a whole can attain the maximum goals of the future.

Harbor District Chambers Meet In Beach City

The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce will be host to the 50 Chambers of Commerce that compose the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce Thursday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Church in Manhattan Beach.
Dr. William Jones, president of Whittier College where the recent Western Institute for Commercial and Trade Executives was held, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Dr. "Bill" Jones will have as his topic "What the World Needs."
Dinner will be preceded by a business meeting at 5 p.m. in the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Headquarters at 330 Center St.

VET REUNION SOON

Eleventh Field Artillery Veterans association, composed of men from World Wars I and II, will hold their 21st annual reunion this coming Labor Day weekend at the Hotel Redington, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Major General W. F. Sharp, their World War I commander, and who in World War II was a Japanese prisoner for 47 months after the capture of Mindanao, has promised to attend. Communicate with R. J. Summers, secretary, 81 Ampere Parkway, East Orange, N. J., for information, James J. O'Toole, 1225 Madrid ave., said.

Right Guide

This column is designed to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to Right Guide, 1081 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

"Terminal Leave Pay for Enlisted Men."
"Amended National Service Life Insurance."

Immediately after these two pieces of legislation were introduced in Congress, weeks ago, veterans began to write or call Veterans Administration offices asking for application blanks to get these new benefits.

The volume of these inquiries has grown to such an extent extra help is required to handle it. Every day, at least a few veterans walk into VA contact offices expecting to walk out squared away. Some have actually expected to receive a check for that terminal leave pay upon their first call.
It's not as simple as all that.

No official word is given the VA until after the bills have been passed by Congress and signed by the President. And then only if the VA has been designated as the agent to process the law.

The machinery required to handle any new veteran benefit law is not set up and put in motion until after the law is in effect. Millions of blanks, application forms, processing instructions and distributed.

That Terminal Leave bill, in all probability, will be handled by the finance departments of the veterans' respective service. Complete information will be given as soon as official word is received. Veterans will do well to watch the newspapers.

When the Amended National Service Life Insurance law becomes effective it will be processed by the VA. Veterans will be informed through the press when new blanks may be obtained at VA contact offices.
Under the terms of the new bill the following are the major changes and additions to the original enactment:

1. Lump sum payment to beneficiaries if desired.
2. Insurance may be made payable in limited installments. In other words, insured may request the amount of his policy be paid his beneficiary in equal monthly payments over period of three, four, five, six etc., number of years.
3. Open designation of beneficiary. The insured may designate any person, firm, corporation, or legal entity as beneficiary.
4. Endowment policies.
5. Total disability clause. Payments of \$5.00 monthly for each \$1,000 of insurance, after six months of total disability.

Forty Percent Of Standard Help Are Veterans

Veterans of the second World War now constitute approximately 40 percent of Standard of California's entire working force of nearly 25,000 persons, President R. G. Fells of the oil company disclosed today.
Thus far 3,430 company employees who served in the military forces already have returned to work and approximately 6,500 others who were in the military services are now employed by the company. The latter constitute nearly 70 percent of all new employees hired since V-J Day.
Fells explained that employees returning to the company are being given all general pay increases granted for their jobs during their absence. The period spent in military service likewise is counted as company service time toward qualifying the returning employees for benefits provided by the company.

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PUEBLO TOPICS

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Last Monday evening the Barbraucadas, girls' team of Pueblo center, played St. Andrew's team and won 14-5.

The Black Widows, (senior boys) played the Hoboes in the Torrance Recreation playground league and won 10-9.
We understand that so far the Barbraucadas and Black Widows are in the lead in the "Y" Church league. We are proud of you, keep up the good work.

Last Wednesday 65 boys and girls of Pueblo center enjoyed the day at Cabrillo Beach.

Saturday night the 203rd club will give a "Jungle Jig" dance at Pueblo center to the tune of Tony Alvarez orchestra. Don't miss it.

We are all very happy over the big improvements made out here at Pueblo center last week. Our playground and patio were black-surfaced and Dale Riley says we are going to have basketball and vally ball courts.

Tony Martinez, of San Pedro, spoke to a group of boys on the popular sport of boxing last Friday evening at Pueblo center.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Durazzo gave a birthday dinner Saturday in honor of their baby daughter, who was one year old.

Restaurants Must List Changes In Ceiling Prices

Cafes may charge higher prices for menu items if the main ingredients of which have been removed from price control but, after figuring their new prices on such items, they must file them with their local price control boards within six days from the time they are offered to customers, OPA announced today.

John O'Connor, Southern California OPA deputy district director, said that restaurants were allowed to recalculate their prices on such items by an amendment which went into effect last June 13 and some cafe owners at that time filed such prices but other failed to do so, and since OPA's return to active status, many are belatedly filing new price schedules with their boards.
"Most cafe operators wish to comply with OPA regulations," O'Connor said, "and we are sure they will file their new prices and conform with other requirements." Requirements, he explained, included:

1. Filing new prices on old menu items the main ingredients of which have been controlled or on new items. These prices, he made clear, will be reviewed by OPA and, if correctly calculated, will be approved.
2. Present price posters may not be removed, erased or changed in any matter, although it is permissible to attach to the poster a statement of the restaurant's maximum prices along the following lines:
"In accordance with OPA regulations permitting maximum prices to be determined by applying markup over cost for certain major ingredients of which are not under price control, the prices on the above poster have been altered to the following (list). These changes in prices have been filed with the local price control board."

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New Glass Firm Scheduled To Open August 15

Scheduling the opening of their new glass company here for August 15, Gordon A. and Kenneth E. Olson have already secured several contracts in Torrance and vicinity, reporting business has been exceptionally good even before the building has been made ready.
Operating under the name of Olson Glass Company at 1635 Carson st., the brothers said their firm would be the only one of its kind in the district, and would be equipped to fill most commercial and private needs in the vicinity.

The Olsons announce that they will handle plate glass of every description with facilities to install in homes, automobiles and in commercial industry.

Roy Rosenberg Is Sacramento Union Executive Editor

J. L. (Roy) Rosenberg, editor of the Inglewood Daily News for 17 years, has been appointed executive editor of the Sacramento Union at Sacramento, it was learned here today.
He was at one time managing director of the Torrance Herald.

Rosenberg, who was editor and managing editor of the paper at Inglewood until he resigned, will act as associate and assistant to Charles J. Lilley, editor in chief of the Union, the announcement in Sacramento stated.

IRRIGATION IN COLORADO

Artificial water supplies have made Colorado the second state in the Union in irrigation, with nearly 4 million acres watered from streams and reservoirs.

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URGES RETURN OF ALL CD HELMETS

Persons in this district who obtained county civilian defense helmets, which were issued by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster in 1941, have until Sept. 1 to return this property in order to withdraw deposits now held by the Torrance fire chief.

McMaster announced that he is holding deposits for more than 50 persons which would be turned over to the county after Sept. 1.

KANSAS MINERAL

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CANNING SUPPLIES

Mason Jars	62¢
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Coffee Jar Lids	8¢
Coffee Jar Caps	19¢

Farm-Fresh PRODUCE	
ORANGES	69¢
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TOMATOES	12¢
WATERMELONS	3¢
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LEMONS	7¢

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PORTERHOUSE	69¢
T-BONE STEAK	69¢
CLUB STEAKS	69¢
RIB STEAKS	55¢
CHUCK ROAST	39¢
SHOULDER ROAST	41¢
RUMP ROAST	47¢
PRIME RIB ROAST	59¢
SHORT RIBS	29¢
STEW MEAT	41¢
BOILING BEEF	27¢
Sole Fillets	45¢
Cod Fillets	37¢
Cooked Crabs	49¢
GROUND BEEF	35¢
VEAL BREAST	22¢
LAMB BREAST	23¢

These prices (except Fresh Produce) effective through Saturday, August 10, 1946. No sales to dealers. Right to limit reserved.

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